



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

ICTAP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: 2012 Review; Request for Input Regarding 2013 Requests

August 14, 2012

Background: OEC's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to:

- Communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters,
- Accelerate, and attain operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide.

Technical Assistance (TA) requests are submitted annually by the PSIC Office on behalf of the State.

Review of 2012 Technical Assistance:

- Arizona received three TAs in 2011 for 2012:
 - TICP Development Support (TIC-WKSP) – La Paz County - Complete
 - Regional Communications Enhancement Support – Strategic Communications Migration Plan (RCES/SCMP) – RWC / TRWC Strategic Communications Plan – In progress
 - Training and Exercise Plan Workshop (OP-TEPW) – Statewide - Pending
- Arizona also received a free (based on SWIC activities with NCSWIC) course in January 2012: SPCL-PRJMGMT: Public Safety Communications Project Management
- Applied for, but did not receive:

[Note: Both are still needed and may be worth considering for our 2013 requests.]

- Mobile Communications Vehicle Support (OP-MCVS)
- Auxiliary Communications Workshop (SPCL-AUXCOMM)

Guidance for Requesting 2013 Offerings:

2013 TA requests must support identified SCIP initiatives and identified gaps. Each State can apply for up to five (5) TAs and at least one request must directly address a gap identified during the NECP Goal Two Assessment process. **OEC recommended that Arizona consider the following TA Offerings based on analysis of Arizona's Goal 2 data:**

- GOV-ASMT: Assessment of Existing Governance Structures
- OP-TTX: Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise (TTX)

2013 TA Request Timeline: Arizona's Technical Assistance Request is due to Federal DHS on August 31, 2012.

A detailed timeline follows:

- July 31: 2012 TA Catalog Released
- August 10, 2012: Catalog sent to PSIC Interested Parties List
- Today: August 14, 2012: SIEC Presentation & Request for Feedback
- August 24, 2012: Final Comments on TAs to be requested due to psic@azpsic.gov
- August 27, 2012: Draft TA Request Form submitted to AZDOHS (State SAA) for concurrence
- August 31, 2012: Once concurred with by AZDOHS, PSIC submits completed & prioritized FY2012 TA Request to OEC (for 2013 technical assistance)

Feedback: An analysis of possible TAs to be requested is included in the attached Appendix. Please submit your ideas for Technical Assistance to be requested by Arizona to psic@azpsic.gov by or before August 24, 2012.

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Analysis of SCIP Initiatives and 2013 ICTAP Technical Assistance Offerings

AZ SCIP Governance Initiatives & Potential TAs

1. Expand and Implement Interoperable Voice and Data Communications Governance Model and Plan (Initiative #1), including Annual SCIP Update (1.1); Four (4) Potential TAs including:
 - GOV-PLAN: Follow-up Statewide Planning Workshop (Pg. 13) – Potential governance planning support for AZ Public Safety Broadband Network (AZPSBN)
2. Develop Regional Communications Governance Structures (Initiative #2), including expanding the use of TICPs and CASM (2.1); Sixteen (16) Potential TAs including:
 - GOV-ASMT: Assessment of Existing Governance Structures (Pg. 10)
 - GOV-GSM: Development of Governance Structure Models (Pg. 12) – Development of Regional Interoperability Committee (RIC)
 - TIC-PIW: TICP Implementation Workshop (Pg. 63) – A strong need as identified by NECP Goal Two Assessments.
 - TIC-UPDT: TICP Update Workshop (Pg. 64)
 - TIC-WKSP: TICP Development Workshop (multiple-region) (Pg. 65)
 - RCES-SCMP – Regional Communications Enhancement Support – Strategic Communications Migration Plan (SCMP) (formerly RICP) (Pg. 67)
 - CASM-IMPORT: Data Import/Update (Pg. 75)
 - CASM-REV: Data Review/Analysis (Pg. 77)
3. Implement a Strategy for Supporting National Level Goals Applicable to Regional, State, Local and Tribal Interoperable Communications (Initiative #3), including narrowbanding compliance (3.5); Five (5) Potential TAs including:
 - TRG-INT: Principles of Interoperability & the NIFOG (Pg. 25)
 - OP-ASMT: Operational Communications Assessments (Pg. 30)
 - ENG-BRBND: Wireless Broadband Systems Support (Pg. 46)

AZ SCIP SOP Initiatives & Potential TAs

4. Establish a PSP Framework and Implement PSPs, including SOPs, for Statewide Interoperable Communications Solutions (Initiative #4); Six (6) Potential TAs including:
 - SOP-DEV: Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Communications Plans (Pg. 17)
 - ENG-BRBND: Wireless Broadband Systems Support (Pg. 46)
 - TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide (TICFOG) Development (Pg. 62)

AZ SCIP Technology Initiatives & Potential TAs

5. Enhance & Promote the AIRS Interoperable Communications Solution (Initiative #5); No Potential TAs
6. Upgrade the Statewide Microwave Backbone Infrastructure to Digital Technology (Initiative #7); One (1) Potential TA
7. Sustain the State STR (Initiative #8); No Potential TAs
8. Upgrade Operable Communications Systems for State Agencies in Support of Interoperability (Initiative #9); One (1) Potential TA
9. Implement, Enhance and Promote Functional Regional Voice and Data Systems in Support of Interoperable Communications (Initiative #6); Sixteen (16) Potential TAs including:
 - OP-ASMT: Operational Communications Assessments (Pg.30)
 - OP-BKUPCOM: Planning for Backup Communications Options (Pg.31)

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- ENG-AG: Audio Gateway Information and Training (Pg. 45)
- ENG-DS: Data Systems Interoperability (Pg. 49)
- ENG-MIG: LMR System Migration (Pg. 51)
- ENG-P25W: P25 Land Mobile Radio Workshop (Pg. 55)
- ENG-RP: Radio Programming and Training (Pg. 56)
- ENG-SYS: LMR System Analysis (Pg. 59)

AZ SCIP Training Initiatives & Potential TAs

10. Develop & Implement a Training Plan to Address Interoperable Communications (Initiative #10); including implement the COML / COMT Training Program (10.4, 10.5); Nine (9) Potential TAs, including:

[Note: We are planning at least one more COML course and possibly one more COMT course in the next few months funded by federal grants.]

- TRG-AUXCOMM: Auxiliary Communications Workshop (Pg. 19)
- TRG-COML: All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML) Course (Pg. 21)
- TRG-COMT: All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician (COMT) Course (Pg. 23)

AZ SCIP Exercise Initiatives & Potential TAs

11. Develop and Implement a Strategy for Exercises Focused on or Incorporating Interoperable Communications (Initiative #11); Six (6) Potential TAs including:

- OP-COMLEX: All-Hazards COML Exercise (Pg. 32)
- OP-EXTTX: Comm-Focused Executive Tabletop Exercise (Pg. 33)
- OP-MCVS: Mobile Communications Vehicle Support (Pg. 37)
- OP-TEPW: Training and Exercise Plan (T&EP) Workshop (Pg. 41)
- OP-TTX: Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise (TX) (Pg. 43)

AZ SCIP Outreach & Usage Initiatives & Potential TAs & Special Offerings

12. Create & Implement Educ. & Outreach Plan (Initiative #12) – No Potential TAs

Special Offerings; Four (4) Potential TAs, including:

- SPCL-PRJMGMT: Public Safety Communications Project Management (Pg. 71)
- SPCL-TRBL: Native American Public Safety Communications Needs (Pg. 72)